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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS JULY 1, MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY JUNE 30, DRAWING UPON REFTEL. HE SAID DISTORTED PRESS REPORTS HAS CREATED SUBSTANTIAL CONCERN WITH ROKG AND ROKG EMBASSY IN WASHING HAD NOT REPORTED CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS PROMPTLY AS REQUESTED. PAK ADDED THAT CLARIFICATION PROVIDED BY EMBASSY HAD COMPLETELY ALLAYED CONCERN WITHIN ROKG ABOUT US INTENTIONS.

2. PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT KIM KYONG-WON TOLD EMBOFF JULY 1 THAT PRESS REPORTS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS HAD BEEN MAJOR TOPIC OF CONCERN WITH BLUE HOUSE. HE SAID CLARIFICATION PROVIDED BY EMBASSY BASED ON REFTEL HAD DISPELLED THESE CONCERNS. SNEIDER

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